

Schoolcraft Township Board  
April 10, 2012  
Schoolcraft Township Hall

Supervisor Ulsh opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Don Ulsh, Clerk Virginia Mongreig, Treasurer Teresa Scott, Trustee Hovenkamp and Trustee Feldmeier  
Motion by Feldmeier with support by Scott approve the **agenda** as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Scott with support by Hovenkamp to approve the minutes of the **March 13, 2012** meeting as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0**

Motion by Hovenkamp with support by Scott to approve the **List of Bills** as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Interest Income for March 2012	\$ 167.91
Income for March 2012	\$ 160,931.93
Expenditures for March 2012	\$ 70,334.43
Total Cash	\$450,587.87

Motion by Feldmeier with support by Hovenkamp to approve the **Treasurer's Report** as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0**

**Citizens Time:**

Nasim Ansari, Candidate of Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner discussed his credentials with the water industry through his teaching and his service on boards such as M-DEQ, City Water Division, of Kalamazoo, Portage Groundwater Commission Board Members in his campaign for the election of Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner.

**Attorneys Time:**

**JRS Rettenmaier, USA L.P. Industrial Facilities Tax**

Gerhard Goss of JRS Rettenmaier, USA, and L.P. addressed the board with a request for revisions in the Schoolcraft Township Resolution pertaining to future Rettenmaier Industrial Facilities Exemption applications. Mr. Goss requested revisions to circumstances that may prevent Rettenmaier to meet the current language of the Resolution, specifically: "the proposed improvements are calculated and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have reasonable likelihood to create employment, retain employment, or prevent loss of employment within this Township. Mr. Goss has concerns of revocation of existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates if the company fails to hire/retain employees with the current request.

Supervisor Ulsh suggested Mr. Goss create an agreement that would satisfy Rettenmaier and present it to the Township Board for consideration.

**New Business:**

**a.) Alternative Natural Gas Supplier:** The board agreed to a contract with Volunteer Energy of Pickering Ohio for the purchase of natural gas. The Township service will be delivered as usual by Consumers Energy, but the gas supplier, at a reduced cost, will be Volunteer Energy. The comparative savings for the month of March 2012 was 47%.

**b.) Michigan Association of Township Supervisors:** Motion by Feldmeier with support by Mongreig to approve funding for Supervisor Ulsh to attend the 2012 Michigan Association of Township Supervisors 2012 Spring Conference in Traverse City, April 25-27, 2012.

**Motion carried 5-0**

**Planning Commission Report** – Trustee Hovenkamp reported that a Special Land Use Application for an auto sales business on property located at the northeast corner of U Avenue and US 131, commonly known as 11981 U.S. 131 was approved for Bert Hovenkamp, owner of the property. Mr. Hovenkamp also submitted, and was granted approval for a Site Plan for the property.

Ryan Hunter presented a Site Plan for an addition at H&H Feed which was denied. Supervisor Ulsh stated that due to questions of the set back of the property, and confusion by the Planning Commission; the Site Plan was dismissed, which was unfair to Mr. Hunter. The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting at no cost to Mr. Hunter to review the Site Plan.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Report** – None

**Township Park Committee Report:** Ryan LaPorte submitted the lowest bid for concrete in the storage barn at Swan Park. Supervisor Ulsh stated that upon receipt of a written contract reflecting the cost of \$7,270.00, with ½ due at signing, he would sign the contract approving the job.

\*Restrooms open

\*Parking lot lay out

\*Working with Jerry Schuring for millings

\*Diseased Ash trees are being removed

\*Opening Day – Schoolcraft Little League is April 28, 2012

**Road Committee Report:**

Road Committee Report: Chair Scott presented project estimates resulting from the March 14, 2012 ride-along with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. Trustee Feldmeier asked for additional time to digest the reports. The board will schedule a special meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the roads projects for 2012~

There was a discussion of the damage to 12<sup>th</sup> Street during the re-routing of U.S. 131 traffic due to a traffic accident on U.S. 131 at U Avenue. The township will await the results of a meeting of MDOT, KCRC, KCSD, and the Michigan State Police following which Schoolcraft Township expects a report on any funding for repairs.

**Members Time:**

Trustee Hovenkamp reported that the Planning Commission is anxious to receive the 2012 road report. Clerk Mongreig reported on the Vicksburg Cemetery Veteran's Memorial.

**Adjournment:**

9:00

Virginia M. Mongreig, Clerk  
Township of Schoolcraft

